

SENATE RESOLUTION 48  
By Womack

A RESOLUTION to honor Representative John T. Bragg on his retirement from the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, few members of the General Assembly have attained the honors and accolades that have been bestowed on Representative John Bragg for his thirty years of service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bragg has served on many if not all of the major standing, special, study and statutory committees of the House of Representatives and his knowledge and financial acumen have contributed to every piece of major legislation from the Basic Education Program to the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, the sharp pencil of John Bragg has enabled this state to enjoy one of the highest bond ratings given to states and his oversight of the state retirement system has resulted in the system being ranked the best public pension system in the country; and

WHEREAS, Middle Tennessee State University has benefited from its representation by Representative Bragg with funding for several new buildings and a university library and, in appreciation, Mr. Bragg was named to the MTSU Blue Raider Hall of Fame in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bragg has not limited his talents to the state but has also made substantial contributions to all state legislatures in this country with his tireless service on their behalf with his leadership of the National Conference of State Legislatures, the Foundation of

State Legislatures, the Southern Legislative Conference, and the Council of State Governments; and

WHEREAS, throughout his public life, John Bragg has endeavored to assure a future for all students in Tennessee, enriching the academic track with his sponsorship of the Chairs of Excellence Program in institutions of higher learning, and enriching the vocational track with his sponsorship of the Vocational-Technical Education Program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bragg's contributions to his community, state and nation are inspired by the love of his family, wife Susan, sons Tommy and David and their families, and stepchildren Betty Teoman, Annalee Gay, David Gay and their families. This love and affection has fueled his desire to ensure that his family and constituents receive the best education and services that could be provided by the state; and

WHEREAS, although one of the busiest members of the General Assembly with a workload that never seems to end, Mr. Bragg always has time to encourage members and staff to produce their best effort while maintaining a sense of humor that has often broken a legislative logjam by reminding us to not take ourselves so seriously while doing serious work; and

WHEREAS, during committee and floor debates where tempers and voices have often been raised, Representative Bragg has always expressed his views with courtesy and respect and has raised the level of debate with his extraordinary knowledge of state government and his respect for the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bragg has spent his entire legislative career in the House of Representatives but it is appropriate for this body to honor him as a fellow member of the General Assembly who has brought honor upon this body with his distinguished service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That the Senate recognizes the extraordinary and

distinguished service of Representative John T. Bragg to the citizens of this state and nation and wishes him well in his retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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